

THE NORDIC BALTIC DOCTORAL NETWORK IN SOCIAL WORK

NBSW

Summer school 6th – 10th of August 2012
"Social work – global trends and local challenges"

To be hosted by University of Tartu, Estonia

Place: Tartu, Estonia see <http://www.ut.ee/en> and <http://www.tartu.ee>

Topic: The 4th summer school of Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work will take place under the topic *"Social work – global trends and local challenges"*.

This course aims to bring together PhD candidates in social work from Nordic and Baltic countries for five days of intensive lectures and discussions on different aspects of the globalization in social work. Globalization challenges social work with constant social change, making a social worker's job more complex and uncertain. One of the central challenges facing social work is about professional confidence: whether the profession can establish a greater degree of self-confidence in a period of rapid change, uncertainty, and competition between professional groups, competition which is sharpened by a context of funding pressures. Social work's confidence in its own identity will be the key factor in its capacity to survive and flourish in the future.

Keynote Speakers: Professor Tapio Salonen from Sweden, professor Kåre Heggen from Norway, professor Marju Lauristin from Estonia, professor Hans van Ewijk from Netherlands and guest professor from Tartu University.

Aim: The basic assumption behind the course is that it is no longer sufficient for human service practitioners to simply be well-intentioned, empathetic and technically competent. It asserts that expert practitioners should also be good social scientists who are capable of analysing the consequences of different intervention repertoires and adapting ways of organising and acting ("the work" of social work) to match unique local contexts.

This course aims to: **(a)** expand students' understanding of globalization perspectives and local variation; **(b)** provide students with opportunity to compare contrast/differences and use analytical tools provided by these perspectives; **(c)** deepen students' research skills and foster their critical thinking; **(d)** approach the topic from various perspectives of research

It will provide new knowledge about the challenges of understanding the local in Nordic and Baltic societies in a globalized world context. For the most, the course will give tools for identifying the challenges for social work professions.

How to participate?

The summer school is open for Nordic-Baltic doctoral students. The NBSW summer school is free of charge and open for all social work doctoral students in Nordic-Baltic countries. Lectures of the summer school are open for everyone, but if you want to take part in all summer school activities (lectures, workshops, field trips), you should apply to the summer school. **Deadline for applications April 13.**

Accommodation and travelling: The summer school accommodation takes place in Tartu. More information about accommodation is given March 2012. If NBSW offers you the travel grant, you can claim the accommodation price back after the summer school. See information about the fee, travelling and accommodation details below.

Travel grant: The network supports approximately 25 PhD students to the summer school with a travel grant. Travel grant is 500 Euros (PhD students from Sweden, Norway and Denmark) or 350 Euros (PhD students from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia). Travel grant is intended to be used for the travelling and accommodation. To apply travel grant, fill in the summer school application form from the end of this page. See more information about the grant from web-page: www.sosnet.fi/NBSW/Travel_grant

Extent: Students who present a short paper receive 4.0 ECTS, while students who present an accepted full paper receive the maximum of 7.5 ECTS, both will include five working days (see paper instructions below).

Content: The summer school will each day contain a mixture of keynote presentations related to particular perspectives of the overall topic and workshops where the PhD students present and discuss their work under the guidance of experienced researchers or keynote speakers. The key note presentations of the summer school will approach the topic from various settings and open perspectives of globalization process in social work and also in the Nordic and Baltic societies. On Wednesday afternoon, excursions will be offered in the county of Tartumaa.

Literature list: Participants are expected to read articles relevant to the topic before the summer school. Literature list will be sent out to students latest in June 2012.

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Application form: <http://www.sosnet.fi/loader.aspx?id=31a3e825-1d89-4738-8a21-d6f27ad89519>